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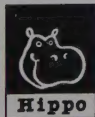
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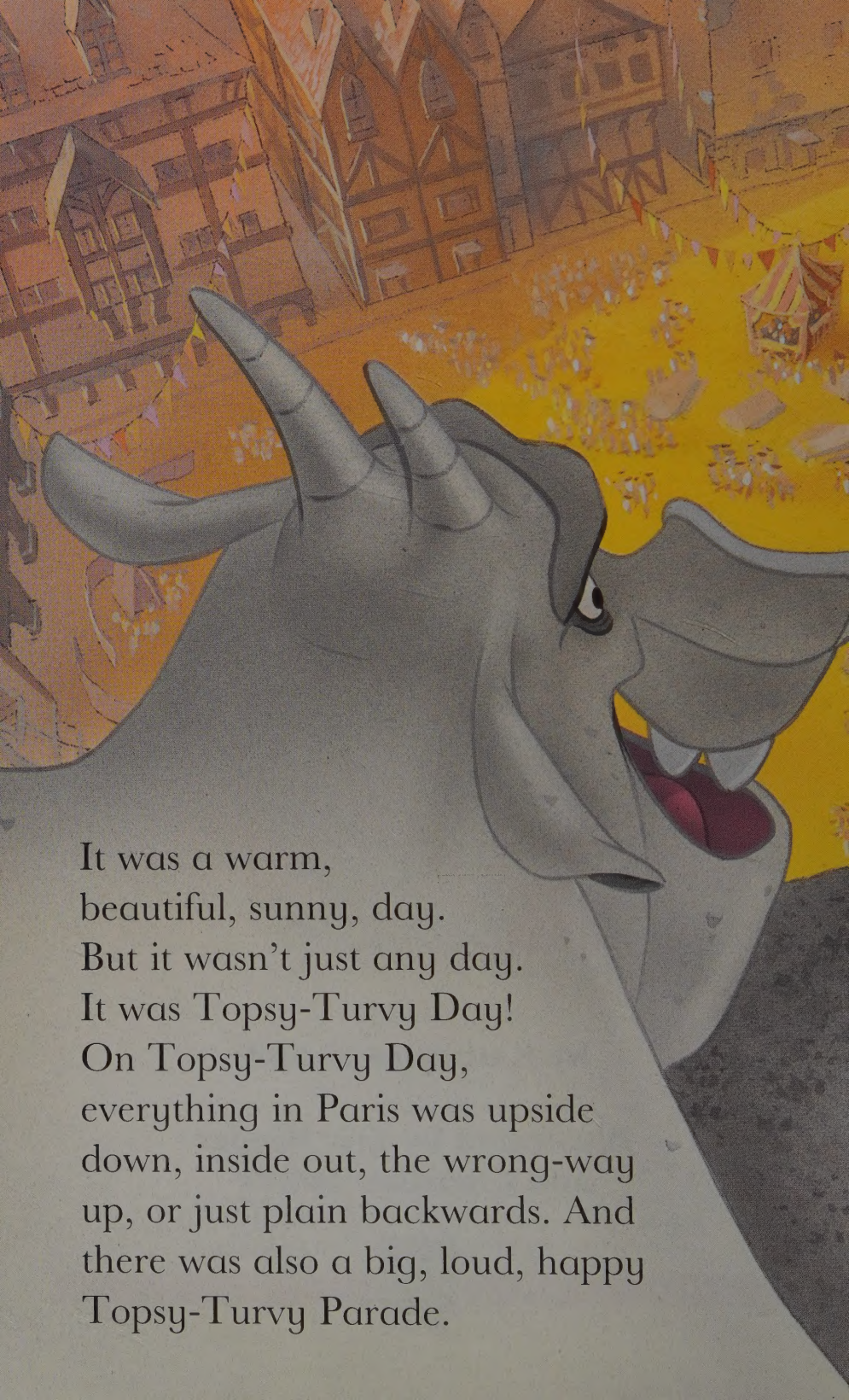
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It was a warm,
beautiful, sunny, day.
But it wasn't just any day.
It was Topsy-Turvy Day!
On Topsy-Turvy Day,
everything in Paris was upside
down, inside out, the wrong-way
up, or just plain backwards. And
there was also a big, loud, happy
Topsy-Turvy Parade.



Up in the bell tower of Notre Dame,
Victor and Hugo watched the noisy crowd.

“Look at the happy people gathering for
the parade,” said Victor.

“I hate noise!” growled Hugo.



Suddenly a wonderful sound filled the air.
DING-DONG! DING-DONG!

“There is no sweeter sound,” said Victor.
DING-DONG! DING-DONG!



“You make beautiful music, kid,” said Hugo. Quasi, the most famous bellringer in all of Paris, smiled at his stone friends.

“But listen, Quasi,” Victor started to say.

“You had better get moving . . .”

“Or you’ll miss the Topsy-Turvy Parade,” Hugo finished.

Quasi had watched many parades from the bell tower. He knew everybody did something in the Topsy-Turvy Parade.



“But what about me?” Quasi asked his friends. “I can’t sing. I can’t dance. I can’t do anything special.”





“Don’t be silly,” said a familiar voice. It was Quasi’s friend Esmeralda. “You’re very special, Quasi, you’ll see. Come on, let’s go!” She took Quasi by the hand and pulled him towards the stairs. He waved to Hugo, Victor and Laverne.



“Enjoy the parade,” said Victor.

“See you later,” Hugo called after them.



Quasi and Esmeralda headed into the crowd.

“One, two, three, wheeee!!!” Esmeralda sang. She twirled around her friend.



Esmeralda was a wonderful dancer.
She had made up a very special dance
just for the Topsy-Turvy Parade.



“I wish I could dance,” Quasi said.
“Then I would be special. People
would notice me at the parade.”
Quasi stood on his tiptoes and tried
to dance like Esmeralda.

But all that spinning made him very dizzy. And when he tried to kick up his heels, he fell down in a heap.

“I guess I can’t dance,” he said.

“But you can eat ,” said Esmeralda.

“Come with me.”





Esmeralda danced over to the baker's shop.

"Look, Quasi," she giggled. "There's a topsy-turvy cake." She pointed to a chocolate cake. It was upside down. It had icing and a cherry – on the bottom!

"Look at those biscuits!" Quasi said.

"Yum!" said Esmeralda. They went inside.





Quasi and Esmeralda bought two of the biscuits. The biscuits looked like purple bananas.

“Hmmm, it doesn’t taste like banana” Quasi said. Esmeralda bit into her biscuit.

“It’s a topsy-turvy apple-nut biscuit,” she said.

Outside the bakery they heard a loud bark.
A dog was pulling a man on a lead.

“Topsy-Turvy Day is very strange,”
said Quasi.

“Strange is very Day Turvy-Topsy,”
answered Esmeralda.





They both laughed. Suddenly a bird landed on Quasi's shoulder. It whistled a pretty tune.

"That's it!" said Quasi. "I could sing at the parade."

“La, la, la!” he croaked. The bird covered its ears. Esmeralda smiled.

“I guess I’m not a singer,” said Quasi.





Quasi and Esmeralda
heard people laughing behind
them. They turned around.

Two clowns tumbled through the crowd.
One walked on his hands. The other did
a cartwheel.

“Look at the clowns,” said a little boy.
He cheered and clapped his hands.



“Maybe I could be a clown,” said Quasi. He tried to stand on his hands. It was not easy. **CRASH!** Quasi knocked over a fruit stand.





Esmeralda and Quasi passed a topsy-turvy puppet show. They watched a puppet with a duck's beak and rabbit's ears chase another puppet with cat's whiskers and a curly tail like a pig.



“You won’t find them in any real farmyard,” Quasi said.

“They are two mixed-up animals,” Esmeralda agreed.





“Look, Quasi,” said Esmeralda.

“There goes the leader of the parade band.”
BOOM! BOOM! BOOM! went his big
round drum.



“I could be a drummer, too,” said Quasi.

He picked up two sticks and pounded them on a wooden barrel.

THUD! THUD! CRACK! went Quasi’s drum.

“I guess I’m not a drummer,” he said.



“I just love Topsy-Turvy Day,” laughed Esmeralda. “I can’t wait to do my dance.” She kicked her heels high into the air.

Quasi was thinking hard. It was almost time for the parade.





“I can’t do anything,” Quasi sighed. A horse pranced by. It wore a string of bells and beads. JINGLE-JANGLE went the bells. Quasi’s eyes opened wide.

“I’ve got it!” he shouted.
“I know what I can do!”





BOOM-TA-DA-DA-BOOM!
The band leader beat his drum.
The Topsy-Turvy Parade set
off! Esmeralda twirled.



The baker and the miller sang as they marched. The juggler threw his oranges high in the air. The clowns walked past on stilts.



And behind them all, right in
step was Quasi. He held up the
long string of bells.

RING-DING-A-LING!

RING-DING-A-LING-LING!

Everyone stopped to listen.



“What a wonderful sound.”

“What beautiful music.”

The crowd clapped wildly.

Quasi shook his bells and grinned.



Up in the bell tower of Notre Dame,
Hugo, Victor and Laverne heard all the
chiming and cheering.

“Now that’s my kind of noise,” said Hugo.

“That’s our Quasi,” said Victor.

“He really is something special!”

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